

Group Home Task Force Meeting  
Monday, July 28, 2008  
Minutes

**Attendance:**

**Task Force Members:**

Kathleen Aaron

Steve Bergman (for Abbie Riopelle)

Sheryl Brissett-Chapman

Don DeVore

Barbara DiPietro

Brenda Donald

Cheri Gerard

Tim Griffith

Karyn Lynch

Todd Schuler

Greg Shupe

Steven Sorin

Shelley Tinney

**Guests:**

Jack Altfather, DHR

Adele Black, DHR

Mark Grover, Maryland Sheriff's Youth Ranch

Robyn Elliott, MACS

Jodi King, MSDE

Heidi Holland, MENTOR

John Irvine, DJS

Rob Johnson, DJS

Bill Lee, DHR

Kathleen Smith, MENTOR

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Sec. Donald chaired the meeting in Sen. Zirkin's absence.

**2. Approval of June 26, 2008 meeting minutes:**

Approved

**3. Report on progress on SB 782/Statement of Need: Shelley Tinney**

Ms. Tinney reported that the Resource Development and Licensing Committee with assistance from the AAGs of DHR, DJS and GOC began working on the regulations. She explained that the group is struggling with what do about proposals in process. Sec. Donald wants a legal opinion on that issue and a timeline for completion of the regulations. **Steve Sorin** pointed out that there are really two separate processes - SPE and licensing- for AAGS to consider.

**4. Report on progress on SB742/Bill of Rights: Sec. DeVore**

**Sec. DeVore** will assemble the workgroup. Deliverables: should look at legal entitlements first, this workgroup will also cover the handbook. Karyn Lynch volunteered to participate on this group. Their work should be completed by Oct.1.

**5. Report on progress of SB 783/Child Care Worker Certification: Barb DiPietro/ DHMH**

A hand out from Kim Mayer, Executive Director of the Board for the Certification of Program Administrators, was distributed that shows the timeline for the implementation of this legislation.

**6. Report on progress of nursing home report cards: Barb DiPietro/DHMH**

There is a federal requirement from CMS to upload core outcome measures for nursing homes. This is different from a report card in that it is intended to allow consumers to shop for services by comparing providers. This has not been mandated by Maryland and will not be on the OHCQ website **Sec.Devore** inquired if it includes patient satisfaction and it does not. **Dr. Chapman** noted that this is more qualitative than licensing standards. To do something similar for group homes would require agreements between agencies about quality measures for different cohorts of youth. **Sec.Donald** said we should be looking at basic regulatory requirements to start.

**7. Report on progress of report card workgroup: Sheryl Brissett-Chapman**

**Dr. Chapman** will convene a phone conference within the next week. **Sec. DeVore** said this should involve youth, agency and community. Sydney White will represent DJS. **Barb DiPietro** will get a name from DHMH. **Tim Griffith** and **Karyn Lynch** will nominate DSS workers. **Bill Lee** is sitting in for Carmen. **Mark Grover** reminded the group about incorporating outcomes from CSOMS. **Sec. Donald** would like to have report cards complete by Nov 1.

**8. Unfinished business:**

Licensure renewals: The Secretaries will talk to Sen. Zirkin about this issue.

**Adjournment**